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At a time when the entire country is reeling from an economic down turn, it is ridiculous to drag this issue out any further. The political motivation behind the states refusing the settlement is despicable. Our country and economy needs closure, not this kind of divisiveness.

I urge you to see that ending this matter is in the public interest. The terms of the settlement are tough, but fair. Our country needs to dig itself out of this recession and further punishing one of the few companies weathering the storm will only hurt the employees of Microsoft, the people of Washington state and the United States as a whole.

Thank you

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